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a report on the Marshal Rybalko Plant (Zavod Marsala Rybalka) at Decin (N 50-47, E 14-13). The plant is said to produce metal containers, special railroad cars, airplane fuselages for IL-14 planes, turbine propellers, and motor speed boats and pontoons for the Engineer Corps.

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The factory is located on the left bank of the Elbe in Decin, in the vicinity of the harbor of Rozbelesky pristav, where the Czech ships of the Elbe-Oder line pass the winter and where there are also the transshipment points for lumber and cement.

The enterprise is a large one and manufactures mainly metal containers, gasoline tanks, oil tanks, milk containers, and special railroad cars. The factory also has vast rooms in which aircraft fuselages are assembled. These are large units, 30 meters long, cigar-shaped, and called "cigars" by the workers.

The assembled fuselages are intended for IL-14 planes. Men and women are engaged in their manufacture. Production is carried on in such a way that the workers have a minimum knowledge of what they are doing and of its purpose. The rooms are separated, and visits among workers are hindered if not altogether prohibited. The workers have, in addition, been ordered not to talk about their work.

The factory is in the vicinity of the Podmokly station and between the railroad track and the factory there are some garages of the Border Guard units, so that the plant is guarded on all sides.

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All the products of the factory are transported by closed trucks or railroad cars -- even the civilian consumer goods, containers, etc. The entire production is considered important from the strategic point of view.

In addition to the containers, turbine propellers are also turned out in the factory.

All the aircraft parts are transported by truck to the airfield in Odelena Voda (north of Prague, between Maslovice and Postriz), where they are assembled in the aircraft hangars.

Also constructed and assembled here are the so-called "propruzory", i.e., motor speed boats for the corps of engineers, as well as pontoons (so-called "Soulodi"), consisting of two or three boats tied together, which are used in bridge construction. These boats each have a crew of 15 and a Tatra Model 111 engine. When completed, these boats are tested and then placed at the disposal of neighboring garrisons or garrisons located near a river, such as Prague, Terezin, Bratislava, etc.

Working in the factory are 500 male and female workers, including

Karel Ryznar

Josef Potmesil,

and

Josef Cermak

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